

New Jersey Drug and Alcohol Abuse Treatment

Substance Abuse Overview 2002 Mercer County



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Dear Colleague:

This ***Substance Abuse Overview*** provides statistics and social indicators related to substance abuse and substance abuse treatment in your county. In 2002 there were more than 56,000 treatment admissions reported to the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services. Most of these reports were submitted on the paper forms of the Drug Abuse Data System (ADADS), but more than 1,000 admissions were reported by treatment providers in the web-based NJ Substance Abuse Monitoring System (NJ-SAMS) which began operations in October, 2002.

The Overview includes:

- State Totals for Substance Abuse Treatment Admissions for 2002.
- County Totals for Substance Abuse Treatment Admissions for 2002.
- Selected Social and Health Indicators for Your County.
- County Share of Substance Abuse Admissions by Primary Drug.
- Distribution of Substance Abuse Admissions by Primary Drug within County.
- Substance Abuse Admissions by Municipality and Primary Drug
- Treatment Admissions by Municipality of Residence, Primary Drug and Age.
- Estimated Number of People in Need of Treatment by County and Drug Type.

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New Jersey Alcohol and Drug Abuse Data System

Substance Abuse Treatment Admissions

State Totals

Admissions: 1/1/2002 - 12/31/2002

Primary Drug			Legal Problem*		
Alcohol	15,525	28%	None	28,427	50%
Heroin	28,274	50%	Probation/Parole	14,422	26%
Intravenous	10,469	19%	DWI License Susp.	4,181	7%
Cocaine	5,592	10%	Other	11,859	21%
Smoked	3,768	7%			
Marijuana	6,052	11%	Referral Source		
Other Drugs	875	2%	Self-referral	22,900	41%
Treatment Setting			Family/Friend	4,725	8%
Couns/Coord-I/R	340	1%	Social Agency	14,878	26%
Hosp Detox/IMU	9,803	17%	Criminal Justice	11,275	20%
Residential Detox	5,001	9%	IDRC	2,448	4%
Short-Term Residential	5,236	9%	Any Prior Treatment		
Therapeutic Community	3,329	6%		40,303	71%
Extended Care/Halfway House	1,355	2%	Ever Participated in 12-Step Program *		
Outpatient Care	13,247	23%	No	21,962	39%
Outpatient Methadone Maint.	6,594	12%	Narcotics Anon.	26,252	47%
Intensive Outpatient	6,171	11%	Alcoholics Anon.	25,047	44%
Outpatient Detox	5,320	9%	Both NA and AA	18,376	33%
Sex			Smoke Tobacco (Yes)		
Male	39,095	69%		43,429	77%
Female	17,310	31%	Clients Treated in Their County of Residence		
Race/Ethnicity				32,546	58%
White	29,393	52%	Completed High School		
Black	18,314	32%		36,038	64%
Hispanic	7,677	14%	County of Residence		
Other	749	1%	Atlantic	2,223	4%
Age at Admission			Bergen	3,490	6%
Under 18	2,920	5%	Burlington	1,596	3%
18-20	3,616	6%	Camden	3,966	7%
21-24	6,079	11%	Cape May	1,019	2%
25-29	6,674	12%	Cumberland	1,412	3%
30-34	8,850	16%	Essex	9,312	17%
35-44	19,068	34%	Gloucester	1,640	3%
45-54	7,652	14%	Hudson	4,191	7%
55 and over	1,555	3%	Hunterdon	713	1%
Employment Status			Mercer	1,935	3%
Unemployed/Not in Labor Force	38,719	69%	Middlesex	3,375	6%
Employed Full/Part Time	16,577	29%	Monmouth	4,523	8%
Health Insurance at Admission*			Morris	2,140	4%
No Insurance	34,293	61%	Ocean	2,998	5%
Public Insurance	9,770	17%	Passaic	3,581	6%
Private Insurance	8,135	14%	Salem	477	1%
Other/Unknown	4,033	7%	Somerset	1,194	2%
Month of Admission			Sussex	825	1%
January	5,448	10%	Union	3,856	7%
February	4,626	8%	Warren	868	2%
March	4,931	9%	Other	1,090	2%
April	5,093	9%			
May	4,965	9%			
June	4,807	9%			
July	5,016	9%	Total Admissions =		
August	4,859	9%		56,431	
September	4,326	8%			
October	4,831	9%			
November	3,914	7%			
December	3,615	6%			

**Totals greater than 100% because of multiple responses.*

New Jersey Alcohol and Drug Abuse Data System
Substance Abuse Treatment Admissions
1/1/2002 - 12/31/2002

Mercer

County Code 11

Primary Drug

Alcohol	617	32%
Heroin	660	34%
Intravenous Heroin	416	21%
Cocaine	333	17%
Smoked Cocaine	289	15%
Marijuana	298	15%
Other Drugs	23	1%

Treatment Setting

Couns/Coord-I/R	261	13%
Hosp Detox/IMU	131	7%
Residential Detox	148	8%
Short-Term Residential	179	9%
Therapeutic Community	140	7%
Extended Care/Halfway House	165	9%
Outpatient Care	497	26%
Outpatient Methadone Maint.	305	16%
Intensive Outpatient	66	3%
Outpatient Detox	43	2%

Sex

Male	1,492	77%
Female	442	23%

Race/Ethnicity

White	784	41%
Black	880	45%
Hispanic	237	12%
Other	19	1%

Age at Admission

Under 18	143	7%
18-20	89	5%
21-24	164	8%
25-29	220	11%
30-34	274	14%
35-44	705	36%
45-54	287	15%
55 and over	53	3%

Employment Status

Unemployed/Not in Labor Force	1,422	73%
Employed Full/Part Time	477	25%

Legal Problem*

None	1,006	52%
Probation/Parole	496	26%
DWI License Susp.	150	8%
Other	357	18%

Referral Source

Self-referral	776	40%
Family/Friend	125	6%
Social Agency	527	27%
Criminal Justice	400	21%
IDRC	103	5%

Any Prior Treatment

1,318	68%
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Ever Participated in 12-Step Program

No	585	30%
Narcotics Anon.	1,077	56%
Alcoholics Anon.	1,049	54%
Both NA and AA	858	44%

Smoke Tobacco (Yes)

1,477	76%
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Completed High School

1,132	59%
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Patients Treated in Their County of Residence

1,184	61%
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Health Insurance at Admission*

No Insurance	1,446	75%
Public Insurance	219	11%
Private Insurance	187	10%
Other/Unknown	81	4%

Month of Admission

January	202	10%
February	168	9%
March	191	10%
April	171	9%
May	174	9%
June	169	9%
July	184	10%
August	125	6%
September	127	7%
October	194	10%
November	136	7%
December	94	5%

Total Admissions = 1,935

**Totals greater than 100% because of multiple responses.*

Mercer County: Selected Social and Health Indicators			
General Risk Factors by Domain	State	County	County/State Ratio
Community Environment:			
• Children below poverty (%), 1997	14.80	14.80	1.00
• Voter participation (%), 2000	70.00	69.00	0.99
• Violent crime rate / 1,000, 2000	3.80	5.20	1.37
Family Structure: Rates/1,000 population			
• Domestic violence rate, 2000	9.23	9.84	1.07
• Teenage birth rate, 1997	35.00	33.00	0.94
• Child abuse/neglect referrals rate, 1998	20.20	19.70	0.98
School Involvement:			
• Dropouts (% HS enrollment), 1994-95	4.20	2.80	0.67
• Adults not high school graduates %, 1990	23.30	22.90	0.98
• Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment Index, 1999	0.755	0.756	1.00
Individual / Peer Behaviors: Under 18 years old (Rate / 1,000)			
• Juvenile drug arrest rate, 2000	3.87	5.04	1.30
• Juvenile DUI arrest rate, 2000	0.19	0.13	0.68
Other Health Indicators: Rate / 100,000 population			
• Drug abuse treatment admission rates, 2000	441.80	461.30	1.04
• Alcohol abuse treatment admission rates, 2000	189.81	208.70	1.10
• IDU risk AIDS case rates, 2001	119.00	105.00	0.88
• Cirrhosis of liver hospital admission rates	20.70	17.60	0.85
• Alcohol related mortality rates, 1998	5.20	6.30	1.21
• Drug related mortality rates, 1998	8.70	10.30	1.18
• Motor vehicle injury death rates, 1998	9.30	8.70	0.94
• Unintentional injury death rates, 1998	24.70	27.40	1.11
• Suicide rates, 1998	7.10	7.50	1.06
• Homicide rates, 1998	4.00	**	**
** Number is too small to calculate a reliable rate			

Age-adjusted Cancer Incidence by Gender, Mercer County – 1986-1996¹				
	Male		Female	
	Mercer	New Jersey	Mercer	New Jersey
Lung Cancer Rate ²				
• White	82.9	83.0	42.8	43.9
• Black	128.0	114.8	39.1	42.5
Oral Cancer Rate ²				
• White	15.2	13.4	6.5	5.7
• Black	28.0	22.8	7.4	6.7
Bladder Cancer Rate ²				
• White	40.4	38.0	10.0	9.7
• Black	14.5	15.8	5.1	6.1
1 Incidence rates per 100,000 population, age adjusted to the 1970 population.				
2 Average annual rate				

Mercer County

Alcohol, Tobacco, & Other Drug (ATOD) Use by New Jersey Middle School Students, 2001		
Annual Prevalence	New Jersey Percent	Mercer County Percent
• Cigarettes	12.3	12.8
• Alcohol	30.7	31.3
• Marijuana	4.7	5.6
• Inhalants	4.7	5.0
• Heroin	0.4	0.2
• Any Other Drugs	1.9	1.3

Risk Factor Scale Scores – Middle School Survey, 2001		
Selected Risk Factors by Domain	New Jersey	Mercer County
Community Domain:		
• Low Neighborhood Attachment	48	44
• Community Transitions and Mobility	51	47
• Perceived Availability of Drugs and Firearms	28	29
Family Domain:		
• Poor Family Supervision	46	47
• Parental Attitudes Favorable toward ATOD Use	40	41
School Domain:		
• Poor Academic Performance	51	47
• Low School Commitment	49	48
Peer – Individual Domain:		
• Friends' Use of Drugs	35	34
• Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	54	54
• Low Perceived Risk of Drug use	33	31

Protective Factor Scale Scores – Middle School Survey, 2001		
Selected Protective Factors by Domain	New Jersey	Mercer County
Community Domain:		
• Community Rewards for Pro-social Involvement	49	46
Family Domain:		
• Family Attachment	55	54
• Family Rewards for Pro-social Involvement	57	58
School Domain:		
• School Opportunities for Pro-social Involvement	54	56
• School Rewards for Pro-social Involvement	48	42
Peer – individual Domain		
• Social Skills	56	58
• Belief in the Moral Order	53	57

**County Share of Substance Abuse Admissions by Primary Drug,
2002 New Jersey Resident Admissions**

County of Residence	Primary Drug										Total	
	ALCOHOL		COCAINE		HEROIN		MARIJUANA		OTHERS			
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Atlantic	713	4.7	181	3.3	990	3.7	246	4.1	96	4.9	2226	4.0
Bergen	1539	10.1	450	8.2	1000	3.8	363	6.0	143	7.3	3495	6.3
Burlington	689	4.5	199	3.6	460	1.7	153	2.5	97	4.9	1598	2.9
Camden	1085	7.1	459	8.3	1657	6.2	526	8.7	242	12.3	3969	7.2
Cape May	495	3.2	105	1.9	193	0.7	166	2.8	72	3.7	1031	1.9
Cumberland	630	4.1	168	3.0	318	1.2	245	4.1	44	2.2	1405	2.5
Essex	958	6.3	638	11.6	7020	26.4	552	9.2	146	7.4	9314	16.8
Gloucester	583	3.8	157	2.8	532	2.0	245	4.1	124	6.3	1641	3.0
Hudson	1052	6.9	382	6.9	2273	8.6	372	6.2	118	6.0	4197	7.6
Hunterdon	335	2.2	47	0.9	194	0.7	100	1.7	42	2.1	718	1.3
Mercer	620	4.1	333	6.0	642	2.4	301	5.0	41	2.1	1937	3.5
Middlesex	851	5.6	327	5.9	1615	6.1	452	7.5	115	5.9	3360	6.1
Monmouth	1322	8.6	689	12.5	1721	6.5	639	10.6	162	8.2	4533	8.2
Morris	899	5.9	131	2.4	862	3.2	140	2.3	99	5.0	2131	3.8
Ocean	830	5.4	217	3.9	1529	5.8	275	4.6	147	7.5	2998	5.4
Passaic	666	4.4	353	6.4	2084	7.8	424	7.0	59	3.0	3586	6.5
Salem	184	1.2	61	1.1	118	0.4	103	1.7	13	0.7	479	0.9
Somerset	454	3.0	93	1.7	443	1.7	160	2.7	43	2.2	1193	2.2
Sussex	308	2.0	44	0.8	363	1.4	59	1.0	52	2.6	826	1.5
Union	714	4.7	418	7.6	2295	8.6	361	6.0	64	3.3	3852	7.0
Warren	381	2.5	68	1.2	240	0.9	139	2.3	46	2.3	874	1.6
State Total	15308	100.0	5520	100.0	26549	100.0	6021	100.0	1965	100.0	55363	100.0

**Distribution of Substance Abuse Admissions by Primary Drug within County,
2002 NJ Resident Admissions**

County of Residence	Primary Drug										Total	
	ALCOHOL		COCAINE		HEROIN		MARIJUANA		OTHERS			
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Atlantic	713	32.0	181	8.1	990	44.5	246	11.1	96	4.3	2226	100.0
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Cumberland	630	44.8	168	12.0	318	22.6	245	17.4	44	3.1	1405	100.0
Essex	958	10.3	638	6.8	7020	75.4	552	5.9	146	1.6	9314	100.0
Gloucester	583	35.5	157	9.6	532	32.4	245	14.9	124	7.6	1641	100.0
Hudson	1052	25.1	382	9.1	2273	54.2	372	8.9	118	2.8	4197	100.0
Hunterdon	335	46.7	47	6.5	194	27.0	100	13.9	42	5.8	718	100.0
Mercer	620	32.0	333	17.2	642	33.1	301	15.5	41	2.1	1937	100.0
Middlesex	851	25.3	327	9.7	1615	48.1	452	13.5	115	3.4	3360	100.0
Monmouth	1322	29.2	689	15.2	1721	38.0	639	14.1	162	3.6	4533	100.0
Morris	899	42.2	131	6.1	862	40.5	140	6.6	99	4.6	2131	100.0
Ocean	830	27.7	217	7.2	1529	51.0	275	9.2	147	4.9	2998	100.0
Passaic	666	18.6	353	9.8	2084	58.1	424	11.8	59	1.6	3586	100.0
Salem	184	38.4	61	12.7	118	24.6	103	21.5	13	2.7	479	100.0
Somerset	454	38.1	93	7.8	443	37.1	160	13.4	43	3.6	1193	100.0
Sussex	308	37.3	44	5.3	363	43.9	59	7.1	52	6.3	826	100.0
Union	714	18.5	418	10.9	2295	59.6	361	9.4	64	1.7	3852	100.0
Warren	381	43.6	68	7.8	240	27.5	139	15.9	46	5.3	874	100.0
State Total	15308	27.7	5520	10.0	26549	48.0	6021	10.9	1965	3.5	55363	100.0

Substance Abuse Admissions by Municipality and Primary Drug
January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002

County Mercer

MUNICIPALITY	PRIMARY DRUG										COUNTY TOTAL	
	ALCOHOL		COCAINE		HEROIN		MARIJUANA		OTHERS			
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
East Windsor Twp	15	50.0	2	6.7	5	16.7	6	20.0	2	6.7	30	100.0
Ewing Twp	16	20.8	9	11.7	37	48.1	11	14.3	4	5.2	77	100.0
Hamilton Twp	52	35.4	19	12.9	47	32.0	25	17.0	4	2.7	147	100.0
Hightstown Boro	19	46.3	1	2.4	12	29.3	8	19.5	1	2.4	41	100.0
Hopewell Boro	2	33.3			2	33.3	1	16.7	1	16.7	6	100.0
Hopewell Twp	7	58.3	2	16.7	1	8.3			2	16.7	12	100.0
Lawrence Twp	9	17.0	10	18.9	18	34.0	14	26.4	2	3.8	53	100.0
Pennington Boro	3	25.0	2	16.7	3	25.0	4	33.3			12	100.0
Princeton Boro	9	26.5	5	14.7	15	44.1	3	8.8	2	5.9	34	100.0
Princeton Twp	16	55.2	3	10.3	7	24.1	2	6.9	1	3.4	29	100.0
Trenton City	437	30.4	279	19.4	483	33.6	218	15.2	20	1.4	1437	100.0
Washington Twp	13	52.0	1	4.0	4	16.0	7	28.0			25	100.0
West Windsor Twp	4	44.4			3	33.3			2	22.2	9	100.0
Not Stated	18	72.0			5	20.0	2	8.0			25	100.0
County Total	620	32.0	333	17.2	642	33.1	301	15.5	41	2.1	1937	100.0

Treatment Admissions by Municipality of Residence, Primary Drug and Age, 2002

MERCER	ALCOHOL						DRUGS						TOTAL					
	18+		UNDER 18		TOTAL		18+		UNDER 18		TOTAL		18+		UNDER 18		TOTAL	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
East Windsor Twp	15	100.0			15	100.0	14	93.3	1	6.7	15	100.0	29	96.7	1	3.3	30	100.0
Ewing Twp	16	100.0			16	100.0	55	90.2	6	9.8	61	100.0	71	92.2	6	7.8	77	100.0
Hamilton Twp	51	98.1	1	1.9	52	100.0	80	84.2	15	15.8	95	100.0	131	89.1	16	10.9	147	100.0
Hightstown Boro	17	89.5	2	10.5	19	100.0	20	90.9	2	9.1	22	100.0	37	90.2	4	9.8	41	100.0
Hopewell Boro	2	100.0			2	100.0	3	75.0	1	25.0	4	100.0	5	83.3	1	16.7	6	100.0
Hopewell Twp	7	100.0			7	100.0	5	100.0			5	100.0	12	100.0			12	100.0
Lawrence Twp	9	100.0			9	100.0	36	81.8	8	18.2	44	100.0	45	84.9	8	15.1	53	100.0
Pennington Boro	2	66.7	1	33.3	3	100.0	7	77.8	2	22.2	9	100.0	9	75.0	3	25.0	12	100.0
Princeton Boro	9	100.0			9	100.0	24	96.0	1	4.0	25	100.0	33	97.1	1	2.9	34	100.0
Princeton Twp	14	87.5	2	12.5	16	100.0	12	92.3	1	7.7	13	100.0	26	89.7	3	10.3	29	100.0
Trenton City	425	97.3	12	2.7	437	100.0	925	92.7	73	7.3	998	100.0	1350	94.1	85	5.9	1435	100.0
Washington Twp	10	76.9	3	23.1	13	100.0	5	41.7	7	58.3	12	100.0	15	60.0	10	40.0	25	100.0
West Windsor Twp	4	100.0			4	100.0	4	80.0	1	20.0	5	100.0	8	88.9	1	11.1	9	100.0
Not Stated	16	88.9	2	11.1	18	100.0	4	57.1	3	42.9	7	100.0	20	80.0	5	20.0	25	100.0
Total	597	96.3	23	3.7	620	100.0	1194	90.8	121	9.2	1315	100.0	1791	92.6	144	7.4	1935	100.0

**Estimated Number of People in Need of Treatment by County and Drug Type
(1998 estimates)**

County	Lifetime Need for Alcohol Treatment	Current Need for Heroin Treatment	Current Need for Cocaine Treatment	Need for Other Illicit Drug Treatment	Combined Current Need for Illicit Drug Treatment	Combined Need for Alcohol and Illicit Drug Treatment
Atlantic	13,416	3,624	4,792	5,070	13,486	26,902
Bergen	65,230	4,511	5,479	4,426	14,416	79,646
Burlington	10,640	1,846	4,420	4,437	10,703	21,343
Camden	33,167	6,530	8,109	5,225	19,864	53,031
Cape May	6,640	830	1,174	1,895	3,899	10,539
Cumberland	9,700	1,012	2,506	1,554	5,072	14,772
Essex	26,637	22,750	10,427	6,968	40,145	66,782
Gloucester	9,253	1,648	3,050	2,204	6,902	16,155
Hudson	33,652	8,703	7,749	5,662	22,114	55,766
Hunterdon	5,026	656	641	1,362	2,659	7,685
Mercer	25,175	2,204	7,081	3,878	13,163	38,338
Middlesex	41,194	6,289	6,181	4,231	16,701	57,895
Monmouth	37,528	3,796	9,174	7,399	20,369	57,897
Morris	20,377	2,656	2,282	1,799	6,737	27,114
Ocean	39,622	2,955	3,746	4,130	10,831	50,453
Passaic	21,036	6,102	6,182	4,593	16,877	37,913
Salem	4,470	186	1,316	663	2,165	6,635
Somerset	13,759	1,356	1,961	1,873	5,190	18,949
Sussex	10,500	573	702	1,709	2,984	13,484
Union	17,369	7,714	5,487	3,668	16,869	34,238
Warren	8,827	412	1,282	889	2,583	11,410
Total	453,218	86,353	93,741	73,635	235,729	706,947

Estimates of lifetime need for alcohol treatment based on data from the New Jersey 1998 Telephone Household Survey.

Estimates of current need for illicit drug treatment based on capture-recapture analysis of data from the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Data System (ADADS): 1996-1998.